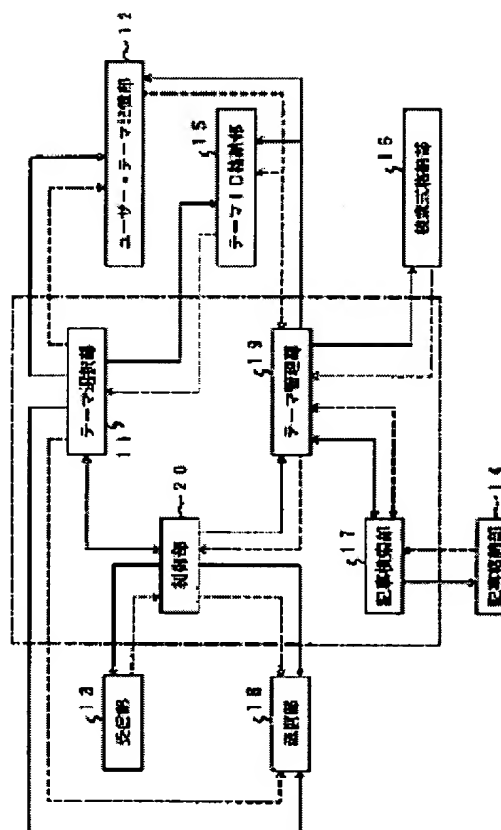


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PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To make theme selection efficient by displaying information regarding a theme as reference information used when a user selects a theme for information filtering.

SOLUTION: In an information filtering center 1, a theme selection part 11 which displays a theme selection screen to the user is provided, and this theme selection part 11 sends a theme list as a theme selection screen to the user. When the user makes a request to explain a theme on the theme selection screen, sample information on the text article corresponding to the theme is read out of a theme ID storage part 15 and displayed on the theme selection screen. Consequently, when the user selects the theme for information filtering, the user can easily understand the contents of the theme and obtain information which is useful for theme selection.



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